GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of medical colleges in the country and the number of recognised medical colleges out of them ;

(b) the number of medical colleges in backward districts at present ;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to open medical colleges in backward areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government has any proposal to promote the private medical colleges which are being set up on co-operative basis; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e): At present there are 242 medical colleges in the country out of which 170 medical colleges are recognized. The Central Government is giving permission for opening of new medical college based on the Essentiality Certificate given by the respective State Government and availability of infrastructural and other facilities as per the norms of Medical Council of India Regulations. As such, it is for the State Government concerned to decide whether they need a medical college at particular place in the State. However, Central Government, based on socio economic factors, availability of medical colleges, is in the process of establishing AIIMS like institutions in six sunderserved States, of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Rajasthan & Uttranchal under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna.

(f) & (g): There is no such proposal with the Government at present.